

Broadcasting in the public interest is clearly not the case in the proposed airing of "Stolen Honor." A smear is not a documentary nor is it news. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry film days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead of something produced far away, we need to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.